

Upper Missouri River Break National Monument Transportation System Implementation

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to implement an integrated approach to implementing transportation designations throughout the National Monument, which were identified in the approved Resource Management Plan (RMP). Approximately 201 miles of primarily user-created routes were designated closed by the adoption of the Management Plan of December, 2008. In order to implement these closures, small segments of these closed roads would be scarified, planted, seeded and stabilized to ensure rehabilitation of native vegetation. For routes designated open to public use, both year-round and seasonally, signs would be installed as necessary to provide users with adequate on-the-ground orientation. Some portions of the routes that were closed to motorized use may be retained to provide non-motorized access. The work would primarily be accomplished using labor crews (e.g. Montana Conservation Corps) to complete route closure using hand tools and established arid land restoration methods. If approved, work would commence in September of 2013.